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Prices began the week higher on mediums and lower on the larger sizes except in New York where prices were unchanged. During the week prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was steady with a mostly moderate demand. Supplies were fully adequate to ample on larger sizes and balanced for the lighter weights. Breaking stock prices were higher, checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to barely adequate and held confidently with a mostly moderate demand. Supplies were tight to balanced for current full-time schedules. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged to slightly higher. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Demand was reported as usually light and centered on previously scheduled commitments. Processing schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs were 6 to 11 cents, mostly 6 to 9 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand for both cartoned and loose shell eggs was light to moderate at best. Supplies were fully adequate to ample and continue to build for the larger sizes and were usually balanced for the lighter weights. Central States breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were light to barely adequate and were held with confidence. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were tight balanced for current fulltime schedules. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE 50-59 53-56

LARGE 49-58 51-54

MEDIUM 44-53 46-49

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Spent hens were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE 59-74 60-63

LARGE 53-67 58-62

MEDIUM 46-59 51-53

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Sep 29, 2006

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	61.50	60.00	50.00
SOUTHEAST	62.50	60.50	49.00
MIDWEST	54.50	52.50	45.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	62.50	58.50	51.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	60.32	57.83	49.10

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	10-03-06	09-26-06	10-04-05
Large	31-40	31-40	30-39
Medium	26-32	24-30	17-21

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- OCTOBER 02, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.1	16.2	10.3	15.2	12.1	63.9
	Change	1.3	-0.2	1.3	2.3	0.9	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.5	56.5	16.5	26.8	42.1	165.4
	Change	-0.7	-8.7	2.6	-1.2	0.9	-4%
Large	Curr Wk	33.4	202.8	92.2	103.2	127.4	559.0
	Change	1.9	10.1	-4.4	-5.9	-4.7	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.8	44.5	15.9	22.3	30.7	125.2
	Change	-0.3	3.0	-0.2	3.9	-6.0	0%
Small	Curr Wk	6.2	8.7	1.4	2.3	3.1	21.7
	Change	0.0	0.0	-0.6	-0.6	-1.2	-10%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	37.4	7.4	11.8	6.6	65.6
	Change	0.1	-10.0	-2.9	-1.2	0.0	-18%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.9	58.8	18.0	31.2	27.6	147.5
	Change	1.5	-6.3	-1.7	-7.1	0.6	-8%
Total	Curr Wk	99.3	424.9	161.7	212.8	249.6	1148.3
Percent	Change	4%	-3%	-4%	-4%	-4%	-3%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1148.3	-3%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	232.1	4%	35
Total Shell Egg	1380.4	-2%	201

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 30-SEP-06(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,307,563	32,450	11,637	5,963	2,260	4,368
PW	1,299,085	33,054	11,861	6,170	2,516	4,402
LY	1,430,365	34,118	13,211	7,041	3,351	4,774
% Chg PWK	1%	-2%	-2%	-3%	-10%	-1%
% Chg LY	-9%	-5%	-12%	-15%	-33%	-9%
2006	50,556,117	1,240,652	473,250	250,296	112,398	170,336
2005	51,122,730	1,204,893	500,648	268,087	114,609	172,607
% Chg YTD	-1%	3%	-5%	-7%	-2%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.62	42.71	41.35
(Inedible Excluded)	38.28	39.32	38.01

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	581,736	44.5%	16,326	50.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	580,781	44.7%	16,606	50.2%
LAST YEAR	625,091	43.7%	16,075	47.1%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	SEP 23	SEP 30	SEP 23	SEP 30
	Thousand			
AL	31,499	30,687	21,319	19,442
AR	29,266	29,001	*24,013	23,720
DE	*3,798	3,865	*4,757	5,084
FL	1,367	1,369	1,454	1,582
GA	*34,325	33,617	*29,988	27,609
KY	*7,472	6,963	*6,187	5,913
LA	3,728	3,954	3,870	3,523
MD	*8,694	8,713	*5,593	5,559
MS	16,491	16,201	15,203	15,193
NC	18,451	17,999	14,071	14,725
OK	6,454	6,162	4,543	4,866
PA	*4,119	3,994	*2,935	2,806
SC	5,281	5,511	*4,484	4,012
TX	14,006	14,237	12,585	12,470
VA	6,155	5,674	5,162	4,812
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,036	16,434	*16,126	15,807
19 State Total	*207,142	204,381	*172,290	167,123
Previous Year Total	207,247	204,691	171,921	170,757
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	98

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 11-Nov-06 is estimated at 156.4 million head. This compares to 159.5 million head the previous week and to 160.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 67.50 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/28/06-10/04/06

CURRENT LDS	114.00	FUTURE LDS		72.25	TOTAL LDS		186.25
	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	36.50	—	36.63	38.43	—	—	8.00
GNR BR 1	—	69.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	53.00	54.50	42.75	—	1.25
GL W XL	42.25	52.50	49.00	48.56	38.79	—	37.50
GL W LG	—	—	45.00	46.26	33.17	38.00	37.50
GL W MD	45.00	—	40.75	43.00	29.00	47.00	11.00
GL W SM	24.50	27.50	23.40	26.10	—	—	7.00
GL BR XL	—	—	77.00	—	—	—	2.00
GL BR LG	—	—	87.00	78.00	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	29.00	29.15	59.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	34.00	30.00	—	8.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 30-SEP-2006

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	28.6	25.9	10	21
Boston	3.3	3.1	6	3
Chicago	31.1	78.5	-60	-66
Detroit	15.3	15.4	-1	-1
Kansas City	2.7	3.4	-21	29
Los Angeles	92.6	107.4	-14	-18
New Orleans	5.5	5.8	-5	20
New York	27.3	27.1	1	-11
St. Louis	16.7	15.0	11	2
San Francisco	17.4	16.9	3	2
Total	240.5	298.5	-19	-24
4 Week Moving Avg.	287.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 30-SEP-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,055	2,886	52	1	4,994
Avg Wt	16.62	36.80	24.24	52.46	28.37
Last week	1,981	2,585	17	1	4,584
Same wk yr ago	2,064	2,667	13	8	4,752
Avg Wt	16.68	35.03	25.86	34.51	27.03
To-date/2006	74,982	99,514	960	179	175,635
To-date/2005	68,835	100,460	928	168	170,391

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 30-SEP-06

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE WT
North East	845	10	24.13	(A) 846 24.13
South Atlantic	738	-6	31.53	(A) 738 31.53
North Central	2,318	2	32.31	(A) 2,318 32.31
South Central	749	60	18.80	(A) 749 18.80
West	343	19	26.19	(A) 343 26.19
U.S. total	4,993(B)	9	28.37	1 4,994 28.37
To-date				
2006	175,456(B)		179	175,635
To-date				
2005	170,223(B)		168	170,391

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 52,000; for the current year to date 960,000; for last year to date 928,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 30-SEP-2006

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	164,748	1,173	1,501	2,674	488
Avg Wt	5.49	3.41	8.16	6.08	6.65
Last week	165,750	1,054	1,384	2,438	489
Same wk yr ago	162,749	1,250	1,132	2,382	528
Avg Wt	5.35	3.45	7.95	5.59	6.35
To-date/2006	6,297,221	42,791	57,674	100,465	19,602
To-date/2005	6,283,134	57,272	55,149	112,421	19,326

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.7 million head, or 2.2 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Oct-06

CLASS	CW - 10/07/06(1)	PW - 09/30/06
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	169,585(2)	169,944
Light hens	965	1,188
Heavy hens	1,657	1,512
Total	172,207	172,644

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Oct-06 is 164.2 million head compared to 168.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.9 million head or 5.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 14-Oct-06 the estimated available is 163.3 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
August 26	168.5	163.6	103%	5.30
September 2	170.3	162.6	105%	5.18
9	156.5	162.0	97%	5.39
16	168.5	163.7	103%	5.45
23	167.8	164.6	102%	5.49
30	166.7	164.5	101%	5.49
Year to date	6373.6	6390.1	100%	
October 7		164.2		
14		163.3		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 02-OCT-2006 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	COMPOSITE WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	57.00-60.00	58.92	33	58.50	58
Los Angeles	77.00	75.52	67	70.53	143
New York	60.00-63.00	61.73	22	62.43	68

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

02-OCT-2006	Change from 25-SEP-2006	25-SEP-2006	03-OCT-2005
64.24	-1.38	65.62	69.47
NUMBER OF LOADS 571			

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	88-92	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	88-92	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	88-92	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	88-92	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	88-92	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	88-92	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 10/02/06	3,290	103,507	66,894
AM 09/01/06	3,241	106,259	71,254
CHG	49	-2752	-4360
PCT CHG	2%	-3%	-6%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of August 31 31, 2006 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on October 1, 2006 are:

FROZEN EGGS	22	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	498	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	671	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 02-OCT-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	2-7 CENTS/LB.	-	4.73
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	2-7.5 CENTS/LB.	-	4.69

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 29-SEP-06

REMOVAL COST

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	6-12	9-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	6-11	6-9

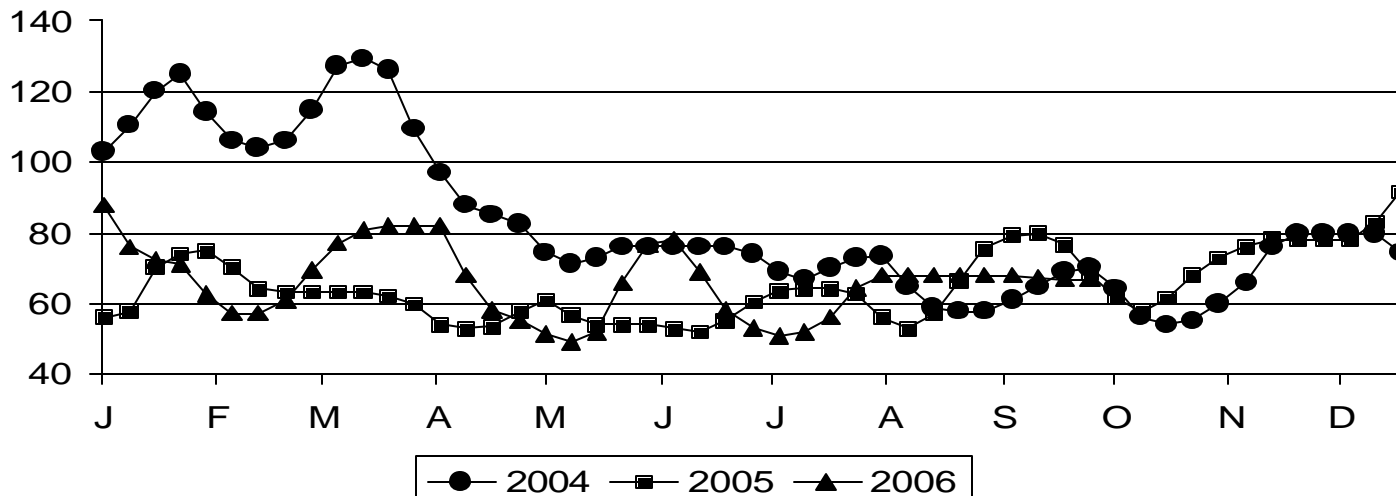
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

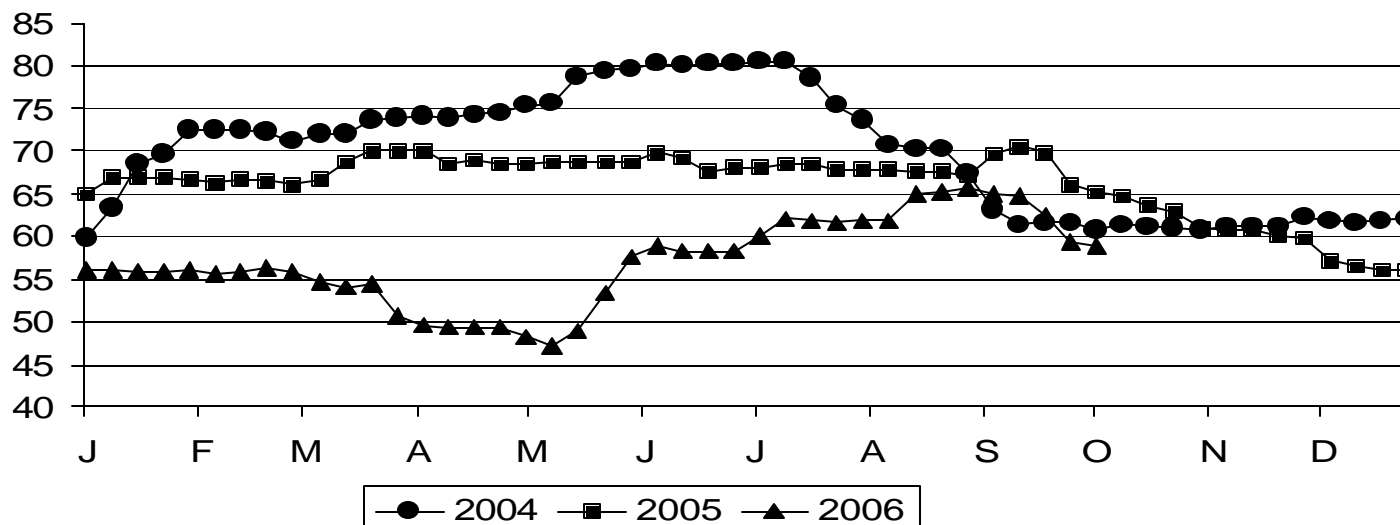
W/E 30-SEP-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW LY
North Atlantic	203.4	1 -6
East North Central	627.2	3 2
West North Central	286.7	4 5
South Atlantic	188.2	-2 0
South Central	59.9	4 7
West	200.6	12 3
Total	1566.0	3 2
Matched Plants reporting		83 83

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

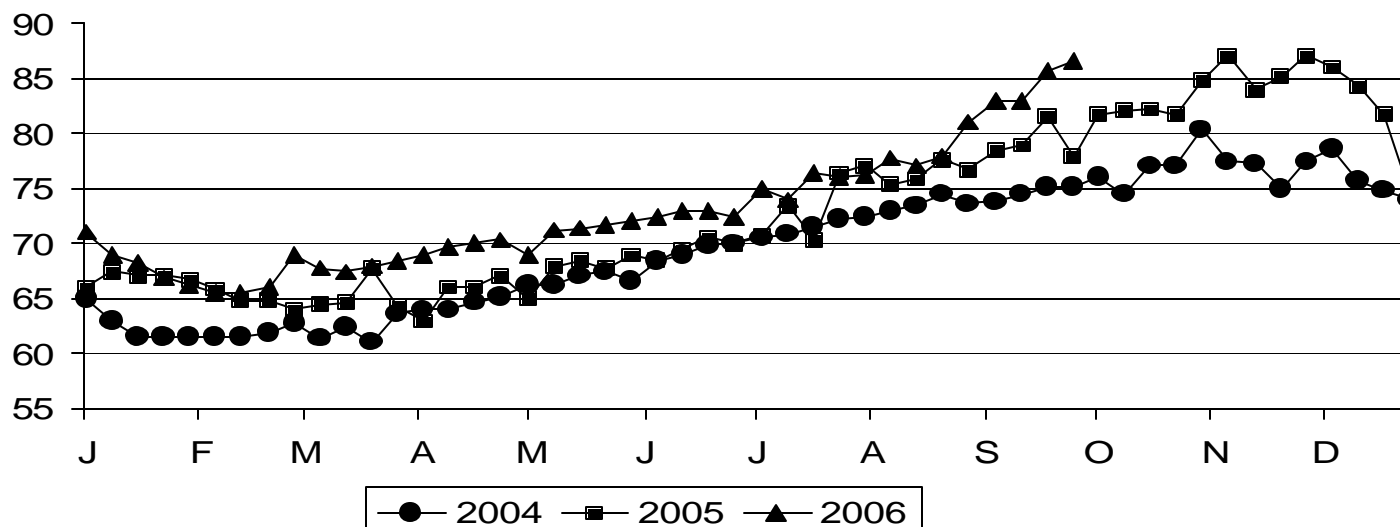
New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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